



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

TELEPATHY, PERHAPS?

In my inaugural remarks on May 11, I urged our Auxiliary members to adopt as their theme song "Accentuate the Positive, Eliminate the Negative, and Latch on to the Affirmative." In the May 29 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the monthly message from President Edward J. McCormick, M.D., stated, "The time has come for us to embark on a campaign to 'Accentuate the Positive.'"

In everything we say and do, we try to "Accentuate the Positive"—to stress what's *right* with the medical profession. Collectively and individually, our Auxiliary members help to mould public opinion through our contacts with other individuals and other organizations. We are *not* "just another Woman's Club"—we are a service group, working closely with our A.M.A., C.M.A. and the component county medical societies in their program for the advancement of medicine and public health.

THEY ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

The Kern County Auxiliary, with 99 members, pledged a total of \$8,000 to the Hospital Building Fund which will provide a 103-bed hospital and repairs to the earthquake-damaged Mercy Hospital. Six thousand dollars of this pledge has already been paid. The Kern members also sponsor two student nurses, giving each girl a scholarship totaling \$450 for the three-year training course.

All of our counties participate in nurse recruitment, and during the coming months we'll tell you what each group is doing to stimulate interest in nursing as a career for the young women in their communities.

HAPPINESS FOR THE OLD FOLKS

Gifts are not limited to money—our Auxiliary members give of their time and their talents, too, to make life happier for those who are less fortunate. In San Francisco, 56 Auxiliary members worked for three days last Christmas, filling stockings and decorating the wards and halls at Laguna Honda, a home for convalescent and aged patients. They also supplied and cut out felt for toy animals which the patients finished and sold for spending money. The Auxiliary also provided new curtains and cushions for the woman's day room at the Home.

DIVIDENDS FROM DISCARDS

Many a doctor has lost his favorite old fishing-hat to that popular fund-raiser, the rummage sale. The Solano County Auxiliary hit an all-time high at their rummage sale last year, netting \$1,265. Proceeds went to the children's ward at the Napa State Hospital, Marshal Porter School for Retarded Children, Campfire Camperships, and to other local philanthropic projects.

HEALTH EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Typical of the projects in health education sponsored by our county auxiliaries were the three programs presented by the Alameda County Auxiliary. Their annual Open Meeting featured a panel discussion on "The Median Fee Survey" with Mr. Rollen Waterson as moderator and a group of physicians as participants. At a second program, speakers from various professions presented a panel for the Oakland Public School Vocation Day, with the Auxiliary president discussing the field of nursing. A third project was that of scheduling speakers from the county Heart Association for interested groups in the East Bay.

WE WORK WITH OUR ADVISORY BOARD

As you read about our many projects and activities, you might find it reassuring to know that we do not adopt any policy or engage in any new activity without previous approval of our Advisory Board, nor do we speak on behalf of the medical profession without their sanction.

On the state level, our advisors are Arlo A. Morrison, M.D., president of the C.M.A.; Sidney J. Shipman, M.D., president-elect; Albert C. Daniels, M.D., secretary; Matthew N. Hosmer, M.D., of San Francisco, and John E. Vaughan, M.D., of Bakersfield. Mr. Robert L. Thomas, assistant executive secretary of the California Medical Association, serves as liaison officer between our Auxiliary and the Advisory Board.

Most of the county medical societies have advisory boards for their Auxiliaries; where there is no such board, approval for our activities is given by the board of directors of the medical society.

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